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WASHINGTON, November 12, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 6 totaled an estimated 15.6 billion ton-miles, 14.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 693.4 billion ton-miles, 13.3 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 6 totaled 359,460 cars, 15.3 percent below 1981, and 1.8 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 22.6 percent in the East, 15.7 percent in the South, and 9.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Seventeen of the 21 groups decreased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 30 totaled 43,021 cars, up 11.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 68,108 trailers and/or containers, 0.9 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 1,620,576 cars, 9.5 percent higher than last year, and 2,837,748 trailers and/or containers, up 6.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/6/82:

	Loadings in Week ended November 6, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,385	D	2,128	7.0	D	365	1.3
Other farm products	6,683	I	247	3.8	I	105	1.6
Metallic ores	11,611	D	11,711	50.2	D	38	0.3
Coal	108,602	D	23,394	17.7	I	440	0.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,643	D	1,653	14.6	D	59	0.6
Nonmetallic minerals	8,906	D	2,337	20.8	D	383	4.1
Grain mill products	11,818	D	2,034	14.7	D	271	2.2
Food and kindred products	13,379	D	1,547	10.4	D	451	3.3
Primary forest products	14,475	D	3,268	18.4	I	68	0.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,104	I	210	3.6	D	523	7.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,808	D	2,053	11.5	D	443	2.7
Chemicals and allied products	20,933	D	2,445	10.5	D	223	1.1
Petroleum products	4,606	D	565	10.9	D	203	4.2
Stone, clay and glass products	9,951	D	2,298	18.8	D	86	0.9
Coke	3,770	D	2,428	39.2	I	108	2.9
Metals and products	7,220	D	5,229	42.0	D	240	3.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,918	D	1,349	9.5	D	1,394	9.7
Waste and scrap materials	7,367	D	2,893	28.2	D	591	7.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,887	D	1,793	18.5	D	394	4.8
All other carloads	49,219	I	3,552	7.8	D	1,518	3.0
LCL traffic	175	D	43	19.7	D	15	7.9
Total Cars Loaded	359,460	D	65,159	15.3	D	6,476	1.8
Corresponding week of 1981	424,619						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (45 weeks)	16,300,187	18,998,747	D 14.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
44 Weeks cumulative	677.8	781.3	D 13.3
Week ended November 6	15.6	18.3	D 14.5
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